

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

May 14, 2001

5:15 PM

Due to the absence of Chairman Clancy, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to elect Alderman Sysyn as Chairman Pro-tem.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy (arrived late), Sysyn, Vaillancourt (arrived late), Pariseau, Hirschmann

Aldermen Levasseur and Lopez

Messrs.: Tom Lolicata, Denise Tousignant, Jim Hoben, Jay Taylor

Chairman Pro-tem Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Alderman Clancy arrived and resumed as Chairman.

3. Discussion relative to the Parking Rate Increase Proposal.

Mr. Hoben stated we have been asked by Mayor Baines to increase our revenues by \$500,000 as part of our budget process.

Chairman Clancy stated I saw the figures...\$557,000.

Mr. Hoben stated that is what we project. The whole reason for the increase is a lot of garage expenses and parking facility expenses. Every year they go up and we haven't had an increase in garage daily rates since '88.

Alderman Sysyn stated it makes sense to go up on the hourly rate at the garage because it's no bargain for us to pay \$55/month and you're charging like you are.

Chairman Clancy stated, Jim, why don't you give your presentation and we'll have a few questions after.

Mr. Hoben reiterated that is part of the reason why we're increasing our rates and also since '88 we haven't had a raise in the garages for dailies and for years the taxpayer's been putting in. Any increase we do will never break even. The Finance Department did a study for the new garages and said they would have to be \$100 a space to break even. So, the City will never make money on this which is one of the reasons why we're bringing in new revenue to try to offset part of the expenses to the taxpayers; that is the dilemma. Who do you get the revenues from; that's the problem. Who pays the taxpayers or the users. So, that is the reason why we came up with a scenario...we side with the taxpayers on this one. So, we recommend these new rates. We prepared two proposals. One is a little less than the other, but the first one is increase the garage hourly rates to \$.50. These are the one since '88, since they built the Center of NH was the last time that any of those daily rates were increased...so that's the Center of NH, the Victory and Canal. So, with this new increase of \$.50 across the board we propose a \$361,000 revenue and these figures are solid. These are from actual use today, from this year to next year, so we are right on line. Let me go through the second part of this proposal. Right now, on the 10-hour parking meters we have \$.50 an hour for the first two hours and \$.25 thereafter. We propose to go \$.50 an hour straight across, it will be easy to understand with the other proposal coming in with the Civic Center. From this we conclude that we'll make a \$330,000 increase in the meter revenue, so the total is \$691,000. The first one is the same as the second one, but the difference is we go up a dollar on the monthly permits at the garage and on the on-street permits. Going \$1.00 across the board brings it up to \$41,616. Proposal two is \$732,616 and the other one is \$41,000 less. Currently, you're paying \$40.00...the other proposal would cost \$1.00 across the board per month. The current garage rates are \$.50...the old rate for the first hour is \$.50, the second hour is \$.75, the third hour it jumped up another \$.50 and then it started going \$.25 up. Proposal one is \$.50 across the board each hour...you max out at \$6.00. These figures are solid on the revenues. If the current use of the facility stays the same and the economy stays good we'll be right on line. The parking rates...we base it on 200 new meters we'll be installing in the southend of Downtown and we came up with 200 meters @ \$4.50/day times 5 days times 50 weeks...existing meter rates we used 275 meters Downtown...these are the high use meters on Elm Street and the financial district and camp up with 235 meters @ \$1.75/day times 5 times 50 weeks. So, we'll increase our current revenue in these areas for these meters by \$330,000. So, Proposal #1 is \$691,000 and Proposal #2 is \$732,616. We've had a lot of calls on this...

Alderman Pariseau asked the difference between \$732,616 and \$691,000...is that increase for a dollar a month.

Mr. Hoben replied that is a dollar for each monthly permit.

Alderman Pariseau asked what is the projected revenue for increasing the monthly fee to \$75.00.

Mr. Hoben stated I would like to clarify that, there is a misunderstanding on that. In the other proposal we made...people are getting confused and saying \$75.00...we're staying at \$55.00...the additional \$20.00 was to go 24 hours.

Chairman Clancy asked what are the hours right now at \$55.00.

Mr. Hoben replied the old ordinance is until 6:00 PM, it's never been enforced.

Chairman Clancy stated in other words if I parked my car at the corner of Central and Pine and I pay \$55.00/month, I have to be out of there by six o'clock at night. In other words, it's \$75.00.

Mr. Hoben replied that is our proposal. It's a proposal to go up to \$75.00 for the 24 hours; that there is the other proposal that's coming in tonight at 7:00 PM. After 7:00 PM in the new proposal you have to pay \$75.00.

Alderman Sysyn stated some of the store people stay open later at night on Monday's and Thursday's, so you're going to charge them \$20.00 more and they're going to leave at eight o'clock or eight-thirty.

Mr. Hoben stated that is tied in with the Civic Center Event Parking, I don't know any way around it. Some way, we are going to step on toes.

Chairman Clancy asked as it stands right now do you think we'll be using the Civic Center 50 weeks a year.

Mr. Hoben stated this is for all parkers, for the new meters Downtown, there are cars there now...where are they going to go. This is not just "civic center", this is for everybody.

Alderman Pariseau stated I guess what I wanted to get at is that extra \$20.00...is that included in this revenue projection.

Mr. Hoben replied it's on the screen. This is the Civic Center Proposal, this would be an option for the parkers...if they wanted to go 24 hours they could bump up to \$75.00...you could still retain the \$55.00 cards...the new ordinance coming in would be 7:00 PM.

Chairman Clancy asked how many do you think of the people that pay \$55.00 are going to be going to the Civic Center who want to pay \$75.00.

Mr. Hoben replied we assume 75 people out of the three garages, we might be low, I don't know. It's also for the Center of NH.

Mr. Lolicata stated they also had talked to Tom Clark. You can't split these things down the middle you're going to step on people's toes. You have to face that fact right now and until the first year is done with the Civic Center we don't even know what is going to happen, this is a trial basis and we're trying to make it easier for everybody and I'm talking law enforcement, ourselves and anybody...to make it as simple as possible. We can't tell somebody to come in...you can only park till five-thirty...you've got to come up with a time and say that's it; that is something that you people are going to be facing and it's got to be looked at right now and you have to keep that in your heads.

Chairman Clancy asked when do you intend on implementing this.

Mr. Lolicata replied when you people want to pass it. There's a lot of discussion ahead of us here and it's up to you people to take these into consideration...come up with one of our proposals and after this...

Alderman Levasseur asked, Tom, the proposal that you're putting in front of the committee...this doesn't include the revenues from this proposal does it. So, you were asked to raise revenues by \$500,000. With this proposal that you have in front of us you're going to be raising revenues by at least a million.

Mr. Hoben stated you have to separate them.

Alderman Levasseur stated I have no problem separating them, but the fact is you're still going to be getting these revenues, right. Now, you didn't make an adjustment which I thought was an appropriate adjustment of 100 cars over at the Center of NH, are you going to make an adjustment for that. Say, instead of 100 spaces we're going to need 400 spaces.

Mr. Hoben replied we left it there.

Alderman Levasseur asked are you going to keep it at 100.

Mr. Hoben replied I am going to stand by the 100.

Mr. Lolicata reiterated we're going to stand by the 100; that you have to understand you already have your boxes pre-sold for 150-160 cars; that's paid for out of the 400 which leaves you with 240 cars.

Alderman Levasseur stated okay, so you're staying with 100; that is all I needed to know.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the theory since I have been on this Board in relation to parking has been to keep the garage rates low, so the people will go to the parking garages. So, in the daytime that makes sense...all of the Downtown activity...you don't want everyone necessarily on the streets, you want them in the garages to free up some spaces. At night, with the Civic Center coming in why would it make sense to make the garage rates the same as the meter rates...that is what you're proposing right. Do you want people on the streets, you want them in the garages still, don't you. I'm looking at your proposal. If you figure it out \$.50/hour and \$.50/hour for the street...it's the same whether they're in a garage or in the street, am I wrong.

Mr. Hoben replied that is correct.

Alderman Hirschmann stated so you're changing the theory now. You don't want people in the garages anymore...wherever they can go, is that your new theory.

Ms. Tousignant stated the garages are full, they are filling now.

Alderman Hirschmann stated you're not afraid by making the garage rates the same as the meter rates that people are going to want to park on the streets instead of the garages anymore.

Mr. Hoben stated I don't know, where are they going to park.

Mr. Lolicata stated when you're talking five, six, seven thousand people an event they are going to get the first space that they possibly can and they're going to pay the rates at those places. Now, you've got to figure on the rates (like we said) we made a little higher for the Center and the others a little lower as you go away from the Civic Center. If I could see a meter...

Alderman Hirschmann stated I want to ask you a question though...would it make sense that in the daytime you had a daytime garage rate and then you had a night time garage rate because the events are at night. So, you're still asking people to park in the garages in the daytime because you're losing your incentive to get them into the garages by doing this proposal.

Ms. Tousignant stated during Civic Center events the rates are going to be pre-paid in the garages, they are not going to be \$.50/hour.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I'm talking about in the daytime though. Your proposal is changing the daytime activity. I can see changing the night time activity because you're going to have events, but in the daytime do you not want the people going into the garages. You're going to give an incentive to park on the streets now.

Mr. Lolicata stated 80 to 90%, right now, are pre-pays in the garages and work Downtown, those are monthlies...we're up to over 85% in some garages and then the rest are your dailies which is always coming in and going out during the day.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I have been on the Traffic Committee for years with you, Tom, and you always preached that; that that was the theory that you wanted people cheaper in the garages to get them into the garages, right, in the daytime.

Mr. Lolicata stated right now they are going in for monthlies, they're filling them.

Alderman Clancy asked how many spaces at the Center of NH, 600.

Mr. Lolicata replied right now the City has 600 spaces. The Center of NH has the option of taking 200 more to give them 600 and us 400. Everything we work with here is based upon 400...the reason for that being we figured they might take the option of 600, so we went the least. As of right now, yes, we could go 600 until such time that we have notice from the Center of NH that they want to take the extra 200 spaces. So, all of this has been projected on 400 spaces, they can take this at any time so long as they notify us.

Alderman Clancy asked how did they get the option of getting 200 more spaces.

Mr. Lolicata replied that goes back to the original agreement back in '84-'85. They never took the option, but they have the right to take it at any time during the life of the contract is my understanding.

Alderman Lopez in reference to the 400 spaces you're talking about, 160 are committed, so you're only working with 240, am I correct.

Mr. Lolicata replied I think that figure is 160. Jay, is 160 a sound figure.

Mr. Taylor replied that's the max.

Mr. Lolicata stated either way you look at it...240 to 260, 140 to 150 to 160 is already committed.

Alderman Lopez stated I was just curious...because 160 is already spoken for for the box seats at the Civic Center, so you've based your figures on 240 more spaces that you can get revenue from.

Chairman Clancy asked how much are we charging at the Center of NH, \$12.00.

Mr. Lolicata replied that is the figure we've come up with at all of the meetings...the proximity of the garage...we've come up with \$12.00 and thought that was a fair price.

Alderman Levasseur stated I think you're guessing that there's 600 clubs seats and you only get a free parking space if you buy four tickets. I don't think there's 160 people buying four tickets, there is probably only 40. Most people are buying them in blocks of two's and it's very rare that you're getting a block of four, so I think that is something you can adjust as it comes anyway. But, what I have a question for the Chair is we're going to go from \$.50/hour for the meters and then it's \$.25/hour thereafter. I'm wondering if it's worth going to \$.50/hour on each hour because we really are going to be affecting most of the day people. For people who come down at night \$.50/hour is a very cheap rate. Is there a way to adjust those meters...they're computer driven, right.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is the proposal that we are showing. We are trying to get rid of that split rate.

Alderman Levasseur asked is it possible...instead of getting rid of the split rate during business hours from 8:00 to 5:00 you could get rid of the split rate after five o'clock that affects the Civic Center people...the meters won't do that.

Mr. Lolicata replied no.

Alderman Levasseur stated I guess that's the way we have to do that. You know what's going to happen folks, right. I still think if they have to pay \$.50/hour and pay another \$.50/hour and another \$.50/hour...I agree with Alderman Hirschmann I think it's probably better we raise those meter rates which you're going to see a higher revenue from anyway and keep the rate cheaper in the garage, so you can get them up there...because I know that the top floor at Victory is still not always filled and maybe you can give them that incentive to get them up there. But, I see the dilemma you're in, you can't change it at five o'clock to make it easier, but at the same time we're going to hear it pretty good from the businesses down here.

Alderman Sysyn stated sometimes when I come to work hourly people cannot get in. The only reason I get in is because I pay \$55/month...the garage is full and they won't let anybody else in unless they're monthly. So, it's full already. There are a lot of days when I come in and it's full.

Alderman Levasseur stated I just think, Mr. Chairman, that they are raising a lot of revenue here. I think that the proposal that they have on the table right here... they're raising a good amount of revenue, I also believe that the revenue they are going to be getting from the activities from the Civic Center when they wouldn't be getting any revenue is pretty substantial. I think that the \$861,000 or \$865,000 in revenue they're going to be getting from Civic Center events including all of the parking rates and the parking garages is a lot of money.

Chairman Clancy stated as I said it's only a Pilot Program and we can make adjustments afterwards.

Alderman Levasseur stated I would rather see an adjustment where we keep the meters the same for now...no, we can't keep the meters the same because you can switch them at night.

Chairman Clancy stated let us keep the meters one price.

Alderman Pariseau moved to accept Proposal #2 (increase monthly permits/garage cards by \$1.00 a month - to be reviewed on a yearly basis; increase garage hourly rates to \$.50/hour; and increase parking meter rates to \$.50/hour). Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Levasseur stated, Jim, when you were asked to increase the revenues... that money that he asked you to increase the revenues by is a totally new number now that you'll be adding into your budget, correct, or is it going to be thrown into the general fund.

Mr. Hoben replied it goes into the general fund, but this is totally different from the Civic Center.

Alderman Levasseur stated it's separate from the Civic Center money you had projected into your own budget because you're responsible for taking care of all of that stuff. So, this additional amount of money that we've raised, I just want the Board to realize that you've just voted to raise \$732,616 worth of money...now, that is going to be applied to the general fund, so let's remember that during budget time that we have another \$732,616 we can give back to the taxpayers on this.

Alderman Pariseau stated, Alderman, that revenue is projected to take care of the Civic Center expenses.

Alderman Levasseur stated no, they have a Civic Center account...

Alderman Pariseau stated this whole \$732,000 is not net profit to the Traffic Department and the general fund.

Alderman Levasseur stated this is for general fund...that money up there the \$836,000, that is for the expenses of the increase in police and fire and all the meters and all of the traffic and all of the people that have to be filling the garages, am I correct.

Mr. Hoben replied it all goes general fund.

Alderman Levasseur stated the \$836,000 was the first amount that was projected to the Civic Center Committee and now they've just come in and added another \$732,000, so they've raised that now to \$1.6 million that is going into the general fund.

Mr. Hoben stated that is \$1.3 million.

Alderman Levasseur stated I have eight plus seven, didn't you just raise it by \$732,000.

Mr. Hoben stated right.

Chairman Clancy reiterated this is only a Pilot Program, now keep that in mind because that can change.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I do want to say as I did say the other night that I believe this figure is totally unreasonable where it says reasonable Civic Center parking projects (\$836,000); that is based on more than 8,000 people per event. If you take the number of spaces on this sheet and multiply it by three and that's a figure that was reasonably reached because we expect some people will come in there without parking and some people will park two in a car, so that's based on my figures 8,550 people per event, not even including private lots and I called Leon LaFreniere today and he did tell me that although the 1,000 foot within the Civic Center for new parking facilities is in effect, people will still be able to have private parking lots in that area, so I think that's about three times the amount that we're going to really raise in that category. So, I think it's totally unacceptable to budget based on rosy scenarios, so I would suggest that instead of budgeting

\$836,000 for this...somewhere in the vicinity of \$350,000 would be much more on-line, so I just don't see this happening. I'd love to have 9,000 people per event, but I don't think anybody, really thinks that is going to happen. So, I don't think we will ever realize the monies that are projected there.

Chairman Clancy stated I don't think we're going to average 3,000 per event myself. I think you're number if 4,500 for a hockey game, that is what I was told.

Mr. Hoben stated we're going on the averages. We're expecting sellouts at concerts.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated you expect sellouts at concerts. How many concerts of those 75 events...eight or ten. So, if you have eight or ten sellouts...

Mr. Hoben stated I expect half of those.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated you expect half of the 75 events to be major concerts. Well, I think you'd better talk with the people who are running the Civic Center because that is simply not going to be true and your projections are based on total falsehoods. Even if you did sellout half of your events, you would still not come out to those projections based on an average if you're getting 4,500 on the other events.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Report of the Special Committee on the Civic Center recommending:
 - a) setting parking garage times on event nights from 6AM until 7PM for \$55/month permits;
 - b) approval of event parking and civic center guide signs;
 - c) approval of pilot residential permit program up to Pine Street for those areas with no meters currently instead of recommendation included in the "Civic Center Parking Proposal"; and
 - d) approval of Civic Center Event Parking fees for garages, parking lots and metered spaces as outlined in the attached "Civic Center Parking Areas"

Alderman Pariseau moved to accept and approve the report of the Special Committee on the Civic Center. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Sysyn asked when you're going to do the Resident Permit Program, I believe that a gentleman from Neighborhood Housing came in and I've had people ask me if they could get some sort of a tag they could get when they have company, a visitors permit.

Mr. Hoben stated that wasn't in the proposal.

Alderman Pariseau noted it's hard to enforce; that was the discussion we had at the Civic Center Committee meeting.

Mr. Hoben stated the Police Department was against that proposal.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I have no problem with this, I believe that we ought to generate as much parking revenue as possible. I just want to make it clear that this will, in fact, pass the \$12.00 rate at the CNH and the \$10.00 at Pine Lot and \$5.00 at the others...these were proposals and by this vote we're making it final, we're locking in those rates.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rescind No Trucks (Temporary):

Lift truck restrictions for the purpose of construction of I-293 soundwalls on Frontage and Connecting Roads.

Alderman Pariseau moved to approve the temporary truck restrictions. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked do we know how long this will be.

Alderman Pariseau replied they're going out to bid in May and I don't know when the construction season starts.

Mr. Hoben stated I spoke to Kevin Sheppard, he assumed the bids were to be opened May 24th and would start shortly thereafter.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked for most of the summer, you think.

Mr. Hoben replied I have no idea, Alderman.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Levasseur stated both Jim Hoben and I have already gone over the permit process and what we were going to do for the affected neighborhood and we've come up with these resident parking only locations, Mr. Chairman, which are the changes we want to make to that area and we want to do that today to get this thing on a roll.

RESIDENT PARKING ONLY

PINE ST. EAST SIDE, FROM VALLEY TO AUBURN STREETS
CEDAR ST. BOTH SIDES FROM PINE TO UNION STREETS
AUBURN ST., SOUTH SIDE, FROM PINE TO UNION STREETS
BELL ST. BOTH SIDES, FROM PINE TO UNION STREETS
GROVE ST. BOTH SIDES, FROM PINE TO UNION STREETS
SPRUCE ST. BOTH SIDES, FROM PINE TO UNION STREETS
CENTRAL ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM UNION TO PINE STREETS
LAUREL ST. BOTH SIDES, FROM UNION TO PINE STREETS

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

LAUREL ST. SOUTH SIDE, FROM PINE TO UNION

RESCIND 1 HOUR PARKING 8AM-6PM:

LAUREL ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM PINE TO UNION

ONE WAY STREET:

ON LAUREL ST. FROM UNION TO PINE, EASTBOUND

10 HOUR METERS:

AUBURN ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM PINE TO CHESTNUT WILLOW ST.
EAST SIDE, FROM AUBURN TO VALLEY

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON WILLOW ST. EAST SIDE, FROM AUBURN TO VALLEY

RESCIND 1 HOUR PARKING:

ON WILLOW ST. WEST SIDE FROM GROVE ST. TO A POINT 125 FEET
NORTHERLY

15 MINUTES PARKING:

ON SPRUCE ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 40 FEET WEST OF UNION
TO A POINT 35 FEET WEST

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON SPRUCE ST. NORTH SIDE, FROM UNION TO A POIN 40 FEET
WESTERLY
ALDERMAN LEVASSEUR

Chairman Clancy stated you're bringing this in in the eleven-thirty hour.

Alderman Levasseur stated it was already in, we just didn't get a vote on it and we're just bringing it back to this Committee because it went before the Civic Center Committee, Mr. Chairman, and you weren't there. So, we just wanted to bring it through Traffic to get it done.

Alderman Pariseau asked did it go before the Civic Center Committee.

Alderman Levasseur replied yes; they passed a partial thing, there were a couple of additions. But, this Committee has the final vote on whether things get changed or not.

Chairman Clancy stated let's give ourselves a couple of days and read it ourselves because I don't want to pass something too hastily.

Alderman Levasseur stated the only change in here is just the block from Pine Street, east side...those are just going to be Residential Parking Only and I thought you all wanted to have resident parking for those areas because that's to protect those neighborhoods. This is only in Ward 3 and goes as far as Union Street, it doesn't go any further and we want to make Laurel Street a one way because there's no parking on the other side of the street and it's ridiculous because they don't get to plow one side or the other and it's going to add an additional 20 spaces and the 10-Hour Meters was already something that was talked about, it's just that we want to get it done because the holes have already been marked off and we want to get those meters in as quickly as possible on Willow Street making that a one lane street with 100 parking spaces on the west side, the cemetery side, Mr. Chairman; that was something that was already decided, it's just that they're not getting these things done because they keep fighting about it with different committees and I think that this committee should be the "be all and end all" of what the traffic situation is going to be in this ward.

Chairman Clancy stated I know this is your ward, but let me look this over because I don't want to have something in Ward 3 and something different in Ward 5.

Alderman Pariseau asked does this address the problem expressed by somebody on Willow Street, I forget his name...Jim...

Mr. Hoben stated originally we had put this ordinance in for the east side and we started laying out the street and it came out...because of deliveries they didn't want us to put them there. So, I held off and I called Alderman Levasseur. Now, Tom had already spoken to a few down there as well as Lt. Tracy and I had put it off and brought it back in...in speaking to Alderman Levasseur and we moved it to the west side. But, since speaking with Alderman Levasseur and Tom they definitely want it on the east side.

Alderman Clancy reiterated hold off on it right now till everybody reads it and can digest it. Let's look it over thoroughly.

Mr. Lolicata stated before I got sick we were talking about Laurel Street...adding all of these meters as part of the Desmond Report. Before I went out, I received a call from one of the owners down there who agreed to this and I told him the only thing you people should do is make much earlier morning deliveries so you won't interfere...that would offset all the problems they have down there...I see a petition here and a few other things. This is going to take care of the people going down there, first of all, for the customers. By right and by law they shouldn't even be blocking a road like that backing it up...that is why if they went in at four, five o'clock in the morning they'd have the whole thing to themselves without interrupting services after that. We're picking up over 100 spaces for parking meters down there which we had to do which is part of the few places that put these meters in as part of the revenue for the Civic Center. Now, that's a public street and in all honesty...

Chairman Clancy interjected on Willow Street between Auburn and Valley Streets which is the old furrier's place.

Mr. Lolicata stated I think there's just two docks that they use now. One of the owners talked to me before I went out and he stated one idea to talk everybody and just make them make their deliveries earlier, but the fact remains that it's a City street...there's something we have to implement to make this thing go...

Chairman Clancy asked do you think people are going to park down there during the day time.

Mr. Lolicata replied yes, some people are parking from the court house down there during the year, sure.

Alderman Levasseur stated the street was full there today when I went there, the whole side on the right side was completely filled with parking spaces. All the parking spaces were taken. Now, if you don't want to pass this whole thing, I would wish you could at least pass the 10-hour Meters on that street because one of my constituents called me the other day and were approached by the Police Department to get the cars off the sidewalk. A lot of those people park up on the sidewalk on that right-hand side of Willow Street and it's really getting congested and this will actually...even though they are going to have to pay for those meters, they would rather have the meters on the other side, so they will have parking spaces for their cars instead of being towed off the sidewalks where they are kind of forced up against them anyway. So, it kinds of alleviates a lot of problems and I think in their projections, Mr. Chairman, for their revenue they also had included these 100 spaces and as far as the proximity of the Civic Center this is really a perfect place.

Alderman Pariseau asked did any one of you at Traffic take care of a Mr. McDowell who's attorney called me.

Mr. Lolicata replied when you called me I spoke to him, I spoke to one of the gentlemen before I went out and I believe he's the gentleman I spoke to before I left, yes.

Alderman Pariseau stated so he's in agreement with the change.

Mr. Lolicata replied at the time he agreed with me and understood my situation and after that no one spoke because I was suppose to follow-up with the Police and see all of these people and I've been out, but I did speak to the gentleman you're talking about, yes. This is how this all started.

Lt. Tracy stated I think we all agree with the east side of Willow Street and what Mr. Levasseur mentioned was true that we were getting complaints about the vehicles up on the sidewalk on the west side of the road.

Chairman Clancy stated someone can just go down and ticket them for parking on the sidewalks.

Lt. Tracy stated the Police have taken that action and because of us taking the action Mr. Levasseur's received phone calls from the business people saying they need some relief and they're looking to get additional parking spaces and I think the ones he spoke to are pushing for the parking spaces on the east side of the road.

Alderman Levasseur stated even though they will have to pay, Mr. Chairman, they don't mind they would just rather have the convenience of having something to park on because they are blocking the sidewalks...there's nothing they can do about it.

Chairman Clancy stated right now, I am much in favor of the parking on the east side of Willow Street, not on the west side, so if we want to pass that right now...

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I'm not sure if the Civic Center Committee has heard this and out of deference to them, I think this should be run by them first. Do we need to do this today.

Aldermen Hirschmann and Pariseau both stated we did talk about it.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to approve the traffic ordinances presented especially the Resident Parking Only portion. If we don't protect the residents then people are going to park in those spaces for free and he's going to lose revenue.

Alderman Levasseur stated this was something that had already been implemented, it had come before the Civic Center, we had talked about it for a good solid hour or so...I went out with Mr. Hoben on Friday and drove around each and every street and agreed with what they had put in effect in the plan they had agreed on. Now, Alderman O'Neil had said that he didn't want a couple of these streets to be resident parking...we took that into account and did not make the two streets that he wanted not to be made resident parking, so we took everybody's concerns into consideration...the people that had already had the quarter hour signs in front of their businesses have been protected, their signs are not going to be taken out, the people that are in that ward are protected from anybody parking there and it's going to be Resident Parking Only and I agree with you, Mr. Chairman, that you might want to give visitor passes to people so that they'll have those there and I also think that time is really becoming of the essence. If we can get past this issue, we can start working on other ones and again this would be a Pilot Program. If it doesn't work we can make changes to it.

Chairman Clancy stated I, myself would like to see the 10-hour Meters on the east side of Willow Street from Auburn to Valley Streets be put in.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to approve the remaining ordinances. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Vaillancourt duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I think he moved the whole thing.

Chairman Clancy stated I'm not in favor of that myself.

Mr. Hoben stated originally Willow was presented on the east side and one of the owner's of the buildings found out (PD Communications)...as our guys were laying out the spaces he had come out and said I'd make my deliveries...I've been here 20 years and so as that point he said it was also a concern of the Fire Department for the ambulances...Rockingham is right on the corner of...so when they head south they also had a concern...Chief Kane had called. So, at that point I spoke with Alderman Levasseur and he said go ahead and do what you have to do, so I presented it and moved it over to the west side and then in talking with Tom and Alderman Levasseur they decided to go back to the original which is the original here.

Alderman Hirschmann stated we went ahead and amended all of the parking meter rates tonight and I got a copy of the City's Revenue Budget and the parking meter districts for Downtown are broken up in sections and they're performing well except for one section which is Section 3, the Downtown Section 3...you're budgeted for \$185,000 in this current year and you've only collected \$72,000, so we're doing pitiful in that one district, so what's going on.

Ms. Tousignant replied we revamped the sections. They are no longer Section I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The Finance Department can't change the title of the revenue number. So, when we revamped the sections we had to blindly project what the projections would be because the routes all changed and when we changed the routes we changed the name of the revenue and we really didn't know where we would be in projections for those different sections.

Chairman Clancy stated the projection had been \$185,000 and so far we've only got \$72,000 is that correct.

Ms. Tousignant replied correct. We didn't know what the projections would be for those different areas because we redid all of the routes, we included certain streets, took out certain streets in each of the sections to consolidate them a little more.

Alderman Pariseau stated those number's that he is referring to are outdated.

Ms. Tousignant replied they are updated for the new budget, for FY2002, it's broken up into six sections, but because we didn't know how much we would collect in one section because it was different from the previous year.

Alderman Hirschmann stated, Mr. Chairman, that's a problem though. We're right in the middle of a fiscal year...how do you reconcile a collection area if you don't...you set up a budget, it's easy to blame the Finance Department...

Ms. Tousignant stated I'm not blaming them, they...

Alderman Hirschmann stated there's a certain number in the budget and they have to be reconciled and I understand if you move a street that one zone isn't performing, but...what I think you should do first then is you should make a new map on a cad system showing us where these routes are and explain it to us, so we know because if you changed it all let's see the new stuff. We're suppose to track revenue...that is the whole point of splitting it up.

Mr. Lolicata stated the last two years have been the best years we can start tracking these things. Now, these routes have changed maybe three to four times in about 10 to 15 years. This past year they changed and gave names to them. But, the thing is when you add on a 100 here, 25 or 50 here...we're starting to take a section...like when Downtown Elm Street was changed over again and we put the meters on Elm Street we made that a section by itself...we had to split it up. So, in other words, just for you and I that's Section I...it's called a different name, a different number...she's trying to look up the exact thing for you now, but instead of 5 or 6 different sections we might have 6/7 different sections with names to them and they've changed a little bit because of additional meters that have come in over the last few years.

Alderman Hirschmann stated it seems like all of your other sections are performing well; that is the only reason I brought it up.

Mr. Lolicata stated for our sake and Finance and yourself they're called different names...Theatre District, a Marketplace District, an Inner-city, Arms...different ones now. In the old days it used to be called Section I, II, III...they've changed...we've changed them twice in the last 2 1/2 years alone, but we will get that section for you (section-wise)...we are thinking now of making an additional section at the south end probably this year to finish up the last 300 meters and we will have a name for you.

Chairman Clancy asked what is the date would we implement this.

Mr. Lolicata replied July 1st would be ideal.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Ordinances become effective FY2002.
Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion..

The Clerk advised that due to approval of the Traffic Ordinances Item 4 would need to be amended to remove item 4(c) specifically from the previous action taken.

Alderman Hirschmann stated both Bob Pariseau and I sit on the Civic Center Committee noting the Traffic Department was at our last meeting and we resolved that they would bring it to this committee which is how this got here. We all knew it would come here and we, as the Traffic Committee, would resolve it.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to amend previous action taken relative to Item 4 by removing item 4(c) in its entirety. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Vaillancourt duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to accept item 4 as amended. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Vaillancourt duly recorded in opposition.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee